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**To:** American Sign Language Contractors  
Managed Care Plans

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**Subject: Discontinued State-Unique Procedure Codes for American Sign Language Interpreter Services**

**Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003**, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will discontinue all state-unique procedure codes previously used for billing American Sign Language Interpreter Services. **Replacement procedure codes are listed in this memorandum.** Only DSHS/MAA American Sign Language Contractors can bill for these interpreter services.

## Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing all state-unique procedure codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable CPT™ and HCPCS procedure codes.

## Discontinued State-Unique Codes

**Effective for claims with dates of service on and after October 1, 2003**, the following state-unique codes are discontinued. Use the following HCPCS codes to bill for American Sign Language Interpreter Services:

<b>Discontinued State-Unique Code</b>	<b>Replacement HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
0997M	T1013	<b>Sign language interpretive services, per 15 minutes [1 hour minimum]</b>
0998M	S0215	<b>Transportation; mileage, per mile</b> [Mileage incurred must be in conjunction with a sign language interpreter service encounter. Back-up documentation (such as map quest) must be submitted with bill to verify mileage.]

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